

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. Claim 7 is amended, without change of scope, to more idiomatically recite that the separating agent of claim 7 is in bead form. See *e.g.* the specification, page 11, lines 20-23 ("The separating agent for chromatography of the present invention is preferably formed into a form of beads, to thereby increase its packing ratio in a column and provide high optical isomer separability"). No new matter is introduced by this Amendment.

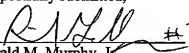
In response to the outstanding requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (chromatography separating agents).

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect the species in which the polysaccharide is cellulose. At least claims 1, 2, and 4-8 read on the elected species.

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